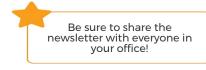
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#### <u> Announcements:</u>

### **Bookkeeper Sessions**

Calling all bookkeepers! The DOR would like to invite you to participate in a two day comprehensive MARVIN training class.

This training class will include MARVIN fundamentals, Title/Registration process, daily bookkeeping flow, and reporting.

Training will take place at the Mississippi Dept. of Revenue in Clinton from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

#### **Dates:**

- May 15-16
- May 17-18
- May 22-23
- May 24-25

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## Click here to register:





#### **Expert User Training**

With the MARVIN launch approaching, there is an opportunity for one person from each county to attend our Expert User Training. This is a four day intensive training class, so send a person from your county who is a quick learner and likes to help others! This person will be your go-to person when we go live in October.

The curriculum for this training class includes fundamentals, Title/Registration processes (title transfers, renewals, surrendering a tag, certificates of a credit, registration holds, opening/closing receipt drawer). and workflows.

Training will take place at the Mississippi Dept. of Revenue in Clinton from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

#### Dates:

- June 5-8
- June 26-29
- July 10-13

#### Click here to register:

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#### **County Demo**

MARVIN Project Managers will be giving a demonstration on April 19, 2017. You will be able to view the demo from the convenience of your office.

There will be two identical sessions: 9:30 - 11:00 am and 1:30 - 2:30 pm

The last thirty minutes will be reserved for answering your questions. A few of the demo topics include: fleets, heavy trucks, prior year fees, title corrections, reversals, and fees.

**NOTE:** The MSU Extension Offices have replaced Adobe Connect with Zoom as their webinar software.

Click here to view the demo on April 19. :

# MARVIN TEST DRIVE





MARVIN team members have been visiting different counties to give users an opportunity to "test drive" the new system. Clerks have been very excited about the upcoming changes and have given positive feedback:

"This is so easy even a baby could do it!"

"MARVIN will eliminate a lot of mistakes."

"This will save us a lot of time."

"Oh wow, is that it??"

"If an old lady like me can learn it, then it shouldn't be a problem for anyone else."

By the end of March, we will have visited 25 counties! Thank you for spreading the positive energy about MARVIN! We look forward to visiting the rest of the counties real soon.



**Jones County** 



Madison County, Canton Office

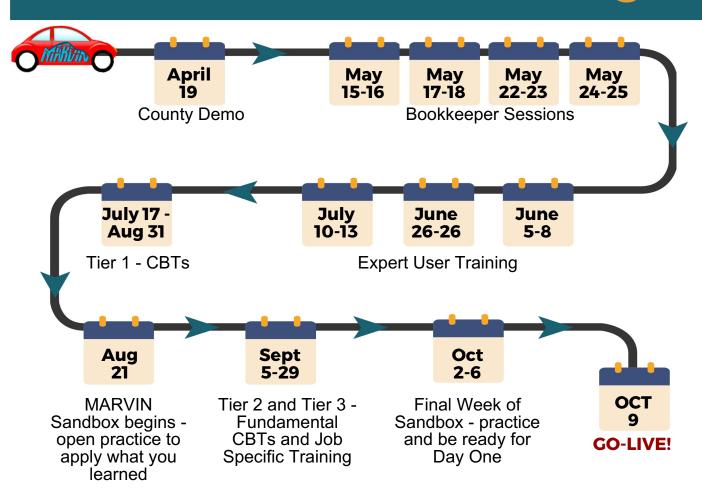


Yazoo County



Hinds County, Jackson Office

# The Road to Training



#### County Demo

Project Managers give a demo of various MARVIN functions via webinar. Demo can be viewed at your office.

April 19

#### Tier 1

Computer Based Training (CBT) videos that provide an introduction and overview of basic MARVIN functionality.

CBTs can be viewed at your office and **must** be viewed prior to attending training classes in September.

July 17 – August 31

#### **Bookkeeper Sessions**

Comprehensive 2-day class for Bookkeepers.
Classes will be at the MS DOR, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

- May 15 16
- May 17 18
- May 22 23
- May 24 25

#### Tier 2 & Tier 3

CBTs and instructor-led 2-day classes. Classes will be located throughout the state, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

September 4 – 29

Training Locations:

- MS Dept. of Revenue (Clinton)
- NW Mississippi Community College
- NE Mississippi Community College
- Greenville Higher Education Center
- Pearl River Community College Woodall Technology Center
- Pearl River Community College Hancock Center

#### Expert User Training

Intensive 4-day class for the quickest learner from your office. Classes will be at the MS DOR, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

- June 5 8
- June 26 29
- July 10 13

#### MARVIN Sandbox

A replica of MARVIN that is used for practice. Apply lessons learned from training and build confidence in using MARVIN to prepare for Day One of Go-Live.

August 21 – October 6



As the rollout of MARVIN approaches, we want to make sure you are as prepared as possible. Here is a short list of things that will and will not change.

#### 1. Things that will NOT change:

a. POD printers will still be used by MARVIN to provide receipts and decals to customers.

#### 2. Things that will change.

- a. MARVIN will support calculation and payment of prior year taxes back to 2013.
   i. Any prior years that a county may charge can be entered into MARVIN at rollout.
- b. MARVIN will be a system of record for motor vehicle activities. County systems will receive a summary of financial activities on a daily and monthly basis, but not every individual transaction.
- c. Law enforcement and county assessors will be able to obtain or create an account on MV e-Services and search for vehicles for homestead/resident questions or investigations.
- d. Vehicle owners will have the ability to opt-in to receive renewal cards by email instead of by postcard.
- e. MARVIN will maintain both physical and mailing addresses separately.
- f. Only tax collector offices will have access to MARVIN.

Counties collecting Use Tax for boats, farm equipment, and other items should not attempt to calculate these in MARVIN (including when registering boat trailers).



We have also put together an interface development schedule. The following table lists the tasks included in the development of this interface, along with associated deadlines.

Task	Start	Stop	
Initial Development <sup>1</sup>	3-Jan-17	21-Apr-17	
Initial Testing <sup>2</sup>	24-Apr-17	30-Jun-17	
End User Testing <sup>3</sup>	5-Jul-17	8-Sep-17	
Code Freeze <sup>4</sup>	11-Aug-17	11-Aug-17	
Go-Live	9-Oct-17	9-Oct-17	

- <sup>1</sup> Initial development is occurring now and includes the creation of the interface (including tables, programs to load data, etc.). The 'stop' date indicates when we expect a file from MARVIN to be sent and loaded into a test environment successfully.
- <sup>2</sup> Initial testing includes work between developers from the MARVIN team, vendor(s), and counties to pass sample files back and forth, find bugs, and resolve issues from file layout mismatches or incorrect data.
- <sup>3</sup> End user testing includes MARVIN end users creating data as close to real-world conditions as possible. Files will be sent to a test folder using identical production processes, including transfer protocols and jobs that will run at Go-Live.
- <sup>4</sup> Code freeze is defined as the end of development. Code changes are only to be made for corrections that would cause serious issues at Go-Live.



# MARVIN SPOTLIGHT



#### **Rachel Greene**

MARVIN Project, Subject Matter Expert Mississippi Dept. of Revenue

Fun fact: I know how to pull the transmission out of a car...and I can put it back together!

My dream vacation is... going to Ireland.

My favorite sports team is... Ole Miss Rebels. HOTTY TODDY!

Something that might surprise you about me is... I am a classicly trained pianist. I played the piano for 12 years.

My most prized possession...my kids.

My favorite color is... pink.

The best place I've ever traveled to is...Progresso, Mexico. I got to see the Mayan Ruins!

My most overused phrase is... "Really??"

My most favorite thing to do is... racing cars.

My greatest fear is... failure.

If I win the lottery, the first thing I would do is... buy my dad a new truck.

My favorite thing to eat is... sushi.

Something I can't live without... my kids. They are my everything.

The weirdest job I've ever had...I used to work as a sales person at a company that had me reporting to work at 5am at a warehouse. It wasn't until the morning of that I would find out what I had to sell for the day. I would drive around the whole entire state of Mississippi until 9pm trying to sell these watches, clocks, or little gadgets to different businesses. It was NOT fun!

My dream car is... a '67 Mustang Fastback - electric blue, white racing stripes, white leather interior, four in the floor.



